

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	January 6, 2016
BOARD MEETING	March 1, 2016
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	AUTHORIZATION FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR TELE-MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)
PROGRAM	Children's Systems of Care (CSOC)
DEADLINES	NA
COST & FUNDING	The cost for the initial term of this agreement is \$547,500, funded by State MHSA revenue. Sufficient appropriation and funding is included in DMH's FY 2015-16 Final Adopted Budget. There is no County cost impact associated with this action.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Approval to enter into a sole source agreement with the University of Southern California for the provision of tele-mental health services.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>On June 25, 2013, in response to a child fatality, your Board approved a motion for the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) to address issues of child safety. Beginning in August 2013, the BRC held 17 meetings and published its Final Report on April 2014. The BRC issued a set of recommendations, including articulating a countywide mission to prioritize and improve child safety. On July 28, 2015, following consultation with the Supervisorial District 2 and senior leadership at the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and Department of Health Services (DHS), USC submitted a project proposal to DMH to provide innovative tele-mental health services to youth who come to the attention of DCFS and who are not detained but who remain placed with their families of origin.</p> <p>The USC Telehealth program is a large-scale, completely virtual behavioral health clinic operated as part of USC's School of Social Work. The clinic is staffed with experienced Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and trained/supervised Masters of Social Work (MSW) student interns. Potential program participants who present with mild to moderate psychiatric symptoms will be referred by DMH social workers to the USC</p>

	<p>Telehealth program for intake assessments. If the outcomes of such assessments confirm potential program participants do not require a higher level of care, they will be enrolled into the program and receive mental health services online (i.e., tele-mental health services) via a secure internet portal maintained by USC. The services will be delivered by USC LCSWs and MSW student interns using the Seeking Safety (SS) and Crisis Oriented Recovery Services (CORS) evidence-based practice (EBP) models. These services are consistent with the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan and will be funded by MHSA revenue.</p>
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